

Roommates

Essential Question: What issues should roommates consider and discuss when forming agreements about living together?

DIRECTIONS: Answer the first three questions individually. You should give thoughtful answers in paragraph form.

1. What qualities are you looking for in a roommate?
2. What qualities will you offer?
3. What specific roommate behaviors would bother you?

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions cooperatively with one or two simulated roommates.

4. Give specific and reasonable "HOUSE RULES" for:

- a. Guests
- b. Stereo
- c. Pets
- d. Use of personal belongings
- e. Sharing food
- f. Toiletries
- g. Quiet/study time
- h. Parties

NOTE: Each topic should have a minimum of four bullets. Explain the specifics of the issues; "just say NO" is not an answer. Be specific and think about what you would do if a problem arises.

5. Outline a plan for the items you will need to share expenses for. This assumes you have decided to have some shared expenses.
6. Outline a plan to settle disputes.
7. What will happen if one person is short on money and can't pay their share of the bills?
8. Design and fill in a complete "chore chart." First, discuss and list ALL the chores you think are required to run your life and your household. Estimate how much time they will take. The chart should include a section for and a listing of daily, weekly, and monthly jobs.